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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE BROWN MISSION
REF: (A) BEIRUT 3551, (B) BEIRUT 3558, (C) FBS OF APR 20
1. WE HAVE NOTICED INDICATIONS THAT JORDANIAN SOURCES MAY
BE CLAIMING THAT AMBASSADOR BROWN AND THE U.S. HAVE BEEN
ADVOCATING A CANTONAL OR CONFEDERATION PLAN FOR LEBANON.
EMBASSY BEIRUT PRESS SPOKESMAN HAD TO DENY THESE
ALLEGATIONS (SEE REFERENCES) WHICH, ACCORDING TO PRO-
FRANGIE/GEMAYEL ORGANS AND PRO-GOVERNMENT RADIO, COME
FROM "OFFICIAL JORDANIAN QUARTERS."

2. WE ARE UNABLE HERE TO PINPOINT SOURCE OF JORDANIAN
ALLEGATIONS, BUT BELIEVE RIFAI AND HUSSEIN--ALTHOUGH
AFFECTED TO SOME DEGREE BY ASAD'S SUSPICIONS OF OUR
MOTIVES--FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT WE REMAIN OPPOSED TO
MOVES TOWARD PARTITION OR DE FACTO PARTITION.

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3. FOR BEIRUT: PLEASE PROVIDE ANY DETAILS YOU MAY

UNCOVER ABOUT SOURCE OF THESE ALLEGATIONS (E.G., JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR) SO THAT WE CAN CORRECT THESE MISINTERPRETATIONS OF AMBASSADOR BROWN'S MISSION.

4. RE JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR, WE NOTE THAT HE SAID THE RIGHT THINGS TO PRESS FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR BROWN'S DINNER WITH THREE ARAB AMBASSADORS (BEIRUT 3294), I.E., U.S. IS IN NO WAY CONSIDERING PARTITION, FEDERATION, ETC.

5. WE HAVE BEEN PREPARED EVER SINCE ALLEGATIONS OF THIS KIND FLOATED OUT OF SYRIAN PRESS TO DENY THEM CATEGORICALLY THROUGH DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN, IF MATTER WERE RAISED. NO INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE, HOWEVER, AND WE DECIDED NOT TO VOLUNTEER A DENIAL. SISCO

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